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Ex parte INCHING CHEN

Application 09/671,957
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Before PAMELA S. BENNETT, *Review Team Paralegal*.

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 22, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matters requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, EVIDENCE RELIED UPON

Section §1207.02 of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) (Eighth Edition, Rev. 6, September 2007) states:

(A) CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINER'S ANSWER. The examiner's answer is required to include, under appropriate headings, in the order indicated, the following items:

. . . .

(8) Evidence Relied Upon. A listing of the evidence relied on (e.g., patents, publications, admitted prior art), and in the case of nonpatent references, the relevant page or pages.

The Examiner's Answer mailed May 1, 2008 is deficient because the "Evidence Relied Upon" section fails to include the Krishnamurthy et al. reference cited on page 4 which involves the rejection of claims 7-9, 13 and 36-38 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Appropriate correction is required.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Appellants filed a paper entitled "Supplemental Response to Office Action" dated April 9, 2008. There is no indication on the record that the Examiner has considered the above-noted paper.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner:

1) to issue a PTO-90 citing the missing Krishnamurthy et al. reference listed under the Evidence Relied Upon section, paragraph (8);

2) to consider the “Supplemental Response to Office Action” dated April 9, 2008; and

3) for such further action as may be required.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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